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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON AUGUST 1 MEETING (SALT TWO -704)

REFS: A.STATE 170798
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1. AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING IN MY STATEMENT I CONFIRMED THAT UNBRACKETED PROTIONS OF JDT ARE ACCEPTABLE TO USG EXCEPT ARTICLE VII AND PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVII, WHICH ARE STILL UNDER REVIEW (REFTEL A). I ALSO FORMALY PRESENTED REVISED LANGUAGE ON RAPID RELOAD (ARTICLE IV 7(C)) AND STATED THAT THE US PROPOSAL FOR THE WHOLE OF PARA 7 OF ARTICLE IV DOES NOT ENVISION CHANGES IN EXISTING PRACTICES (REFTEL B).

2. SEMENON'S STATEMENT TODAY BASICALLY REAFFIRMED SOVIET POSITION ON ARTICLE XVII 3 (NO DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES) AND ASSERTED THAT ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE "COMPLICATED ELEMENTS" WERE
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UNFONDED. SEMENOV ALSO DESCRIBED AS "COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED"

PROPOSALS TO GIVE SCC SUCH FUNCTIONS AS PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND AGREED PROCEDURES AND DATES FOR REPLACEMENT AND CONVERSION. SHCHUKIN MADE MORE DETAILED STATEMENT ON VERIFICATION OPPOSING SPECIFICS OF US PROPOSED PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVII AND SUPPORTING SOVEIT VERSION THEREEOF.

3. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN AMPLIFIED FURTHER ON HIS INTERPRETATION OF "DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES" AND REITERATED CONTENTION THAT NONDELIBERATE IMPEDING OF VERIFICATION COULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE SCC UNDER ARTICLE XVIII.

4. IN HIS BILATERAL WITH ROWNY, TRUSOV SEEMED TO BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR RAPID RELOAD PROPOSAL.

5. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON I HAD PRIVATE MEETING WITH SENEVAT AT MY REQUEST ON ARTICLE XVIII, AT WHICH TIME HE REQUESTED THAT KARPOV AND SMOLIN BE PRESENT ON HIS SIDE AND ACCORDINGLY I HAD KLOSSON AND EARLE ON MY SIDE.

AFTER I HAD PRESENTED OUR FOBS PROPOSAL, WE HAD A SINGULARLY UNPRODUCTIVE THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING ON ARTICLE XVIII. HE PARTICULARLY DUG HIS HEELS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS WELL AS ON REPLACEMENT AND CONVERSION PROCEDURES AND PRIOR NOTIFICATION. THERE WAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST SIGN OF ANY WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON EITHER SUB-PARAGRAPH OR TO TRADE PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

6. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 5.

JOHNSON

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